

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
FUNERAL AND CEMETERY OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 17, 2006

TO: Funeral service licensee's and interested persons

FROM: Dennis McPhee

SUBJECT: **Summary of proposed rule changes to WAC 308-47,48, and 49**

WAC 308-47-010

- Deletes definition of "Crematory", "Cremation", "Cremated Human Remains" and "Human Remains" (now defined in statute)
- Improves definition of "Cadaver"

WAC 308-47-020

- Removes "crematory log"

WAC 308-47-030

- Adds "mechanically or commercially acceptable" to refrigerated facility, or
- As determined by Chapter 246-500 WAC (new State Board of Health rules)

WAC 308-47-070

- Makes the distinction between "date of release" and "date of disposition" of cremated human remains and adds the name of the individual(s) to whom cremated human remains are released, as required information for record keeping purposes.
- Deletes two year holding requirement for cremated human remains and replaces it with a ninety day holding requirement. (now in Statute)

WAC 308-48-010

- Deletes definition of "Licensee" (now in Statute)

WAC 308-48-030

- Replaces "apprentice" terminology with "intern"
- Clarifies that human remains required to be disposed of as one entity is in reference to "non-cremated" human remains
- Adds Chapter 246-500 WAC (State Board of Health regulations) to existing regulations concerning the holding and refrigeration of unembalmed human remains.
- Deletes "nor to members of the immediate family of the deceased", (ability remains intact at the discretion of the decedents next of kin)

WAC 308-48-031

- Adds “mechanically or commercially acceptable” to refrigerated holding
- Includes, by reference, Chapter 246-500 WAC (State Board of Health regulations) governing refrigerated holding of human remains.
- Deletes “appropriate air conditioning unit”
- Adds that sewage and waste disposal must “comply with OSHA/WISHA Standards”

WAC 308-48-040

- Clarifies the right to control disposition as governed by RCW 68.50.160
- Combines paragraph one and two into one paragraph.

WAC 308-48-080

- Adds and deletes wording for clarity

WAC 308-48-110

- This WAC is repealed (determined by the boards disciplinary discretion)

WAC 308-48-150

- Replaces “Apprentice and Apprenticeship” with “Intern and Internship” terminology

WAC 308-48-160

- Replaces “Apprentice and Apprenticeship” with “Interns and Internship” terminology

WAC 308-48-180

- Replaces “Apprentices” with “Interns” terminology
- Clarifies that licenses must renew annually, except for Academic Interns.

WAC 308-48-200

- Replaces “Apprentice and Apprenticeship” with “Intern and Internship” terminology

WAC 308-48-210

- Deletes embalmer requirement for Branch Establishments (addressed in statute)

WAC 308-48-350

- Replaces “Apprentice and Apprenticeship with “Intern and Internship” terminology

WAC 308-48-510

- Replaces “Apprentice and Apprenticeship with “Intern and Internship” terminology

WAC 308-48-520

- Replaces “Apprentice and Apprenticeship with “Intern and Internship” terminology

WAC 308-48-530

- Includes Interns in Continuing Education requirement

WAC 308-48-550

- Deletes noted sanctions (Boards disciplinary discretion)

WAC 308-48-590

- Replaces “Apprentice” with “Intern” terminology

WAC 308-48-780

- Replaces “disposal” with “disposition”

WAC 308-48-800

- Replaces “Apprentice” with “Intern” terminology
- Deletes “Certification Fee”

WAC 308-49-120

- Repeals WAC – (obsolete)

WAC 308-49-168

- Deletes the word “qualified” from Public Depository (now in Statute)
- Deletes the requirement that a trust be held only in a public depository

WAC 308-49-170

- Simplifies annual trust statement requirements – provides clarity
- Deletes the annual statement fee